

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2013

**TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE
INFORMATION ITEM**

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SUBJECT: Update on Crosstrail and Kincaid Boulevards, Segments A1, A2, B and a Potential Future Segment Between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway

ELECTION DISTRICT: Catoctin and Leesburg

STAFF CONTACTS: Terrie Laycock, Transportation and Capital Infrastructure
Rick Conner, Transportation and Capital Infrastructure

BACKGROUND:

Crosstrail Boulevard Segment A1 (Claudia Drive to Kincaid Boulevard and the Kincaid Boulevard connection): At its June 5, 2012 meeting, the Board of Supervisors (Board) requested (8-0-1, Supervisors Higgins absent) that the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) review mitigating potential traffic issues directly related to the Sycolin Road Overpass Projects, including the completion of Miller Drive and acceleration of the segment of Crosstrail Boulevard from Claudia Drive to Kincaid Boulevard (initiated by Supervisor Reid).

At its June 15, 2012 meeting, in addition to addressing Miller Drive issues, the TLUC voted 5-0 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Board amend the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to accelerate construction of the segment of Kincaid Boulevard to Crosstrail Boulevard from FY 18 to FY 14.

At its July 3, 2012 meeting, the Board voted (8-0-1, Supervisor Williams absent), to support an amendment to the Capital Improvement Program to accelerate construction of Crosstrail Boulevard from Claudia Drive up to, and including, Kincaid Boulevard from FY 18 to FY 14

On September 18, 2012 the Board voted unanimously to amend the FY 13 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and accelerated the construction funding for Crosstrail Boulevard between Claudia Drive up to, and including Kincaid Boulevard, (Segment A1) from FY 14 to FY 13. The design plans are 98% complete and since the right of way is on County property, the project can go to construction bid in the January/February 2013 timeframe with a notice to proceed given to the contractor in the Spring, 2013.

On November 28, 2012 the Town Council of Leesburg forwarded a letter to the Board of Supervisors (Attachment 1) indicating their support for the entire two-lane section of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to Russell Branch Parkway to be accelerated and built at one time. This includes Segment A1 (Claudia Drive to Kincaid Boulevard and the Kincaid Boulevard connection), Segment A2 (Claudia Drive to Sycolin Road) and Segment B (Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway). The current funding plan for Crosstrail Boulevard in the FY 13 to FY

18 CIP is as follows: Segment A1 is funded in FY 2013, Segment A2 is funded in FY 14 and Segment B is funded in FY 18.

Given the Board's September 18, 2012 action to accelerate the construction of Segment A1 which includes the Kincaid Boulevard connection to existing Kincaid Boulevard in the Town of Leesburg, staff asked for written clarification from the Leesburg Town Manager as to whether the Kincaid Boulevard connection would be permitted by the Town of Leesburg. On December 4, 2012 staff received an email clarifying (Attachment 1) the Town Council's November 28, 2012 letter indicating that the Kincaid Boulevard connection will not be permitted by the Town without the completion of at least two (2) lanes of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to Route 7 is constructed.

Staff wanted to make the TLUC aware of this as it will not allow for the relief the Board had desired during construction of the Route 15/Sycolin Road Overpass project. As staff had previously noted that relief would have been for a three to four month time period as the Route 15/Sycolin Road intersection is scheduled for closure from June 15, 2013 through August 15, 2014.

Unless directed otherwise by the Board, staff will proceed with the construction of Segments A1 and A2 in accordance with the adopted CIP as the road is needed for future planned facilities on the County's property outlined in the Master Plan.

Crosstrail Boulevard Segment A2 (Claudia Drive to Sycolin Road): Segment A2 is nearing design completion. When the right of way plats are approved, staff will begin to negotiate with property owners to obtain the right of way needed. When the right of way is cleared, the project will be put out to bid. Segment A2 contains a significant amount of soil that needs to be removed and staff's plan is to move the soil to the Route 7/Route 659 interchange project site that has a need for significant fill, approximately one (1) million yards.

Crosstrail Boulevard Segment B (Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway): Segment B has been designed to 30% design. Staff obtained a cost proposal from Dewberry to complete the design of Segment B. Board authorization is needed to move the design process forward. The cost to complete the design of the four lane segment is \$1,463,825. Funding for the design completion is available in FY 14. Staff will be bringing this issue to the Board's Finance/Government Services and Operations Committee (FGSOC) with a recommendation to accelerate the funding for design from FY 14 to FY 13 and to award the contract to Dewberry and Davis, LLC to move the design forward.

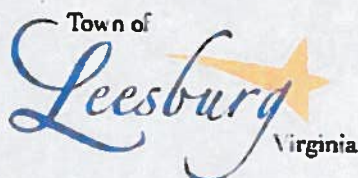
Crosstrail Boulevard (Future Segment) (Sycolin Road to the Dulles Greenway): This segment has not been included in any funding plan in the adopted CIP for design or construction. During the Board's CIP discussions in March, 2012 the Board requested the TLUC discuss the segment to determine if it would be a priority project for the County to fund. The future road traverses the Peterson Company property. The property owner had a pre-application meeting regarding potential retail development on the northern portion of the property. They have preliminary subdivision approval on the site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 13 CIP includes \$9 million to fund the construction of Segment A1 of Crosstrail Boulevard. The FY 14 CIP includes \$30 million to fund the construction of Segment A2 and the FY 18 CIP includes \$35 million to fund the construction of Segment B. It should be noted that the Segment B budget does not include funding for right of way. Previous conversations between County staff and the owner of the Hunter tract have indicated a willingness on the part of the Hunter tract to dedicate the right of way needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Town of Leesburg dated November 28, 2012 and Email Providing Clarification to the Letter
2. Dewberry Exhibit of Crosstrail Boulevard Segments A1, A2 and B



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November 28, 2012

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Re: Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to Russell Branch Parkway

Dear ^{SCOTT}Chairman York:

The Town Council and I are very supportive of the construction of Crosstrail Boulevard between Sycolin Road and Russell Branch Parkway which completes the link to Route 7. This is a very important roadway in both the local and regional transportation networks. We understand that the preliminary design is underway for the full roadway and final design of a 4-lane divided roadway is nearly completed for the section from Sycolin Road to the Phillip A. Bolen Park eastern boundary. Construction of this segment is scheduled for 2013 and 2014. However, no final design or construction scheduling is authorized for the segment between Phillip A. Bolen Park and Russell Branch Parkway.

We also understand that the County has received a proposal from Dewberry, the design engineers, for final design for the section from Phillip A. Bolen Park to the connection at the existing end of Crosstrail Boulevard at Russell Branch Parkway which connects to Route 7. We strongly support approval of this proposal by the Board of Supervisors and the scheduling of construction of two lanes of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to Russell Branch Parkway. The Government Support Center Master Plan Steering Committee made this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in the spring of 2011. The Steering Committee supported building two lanes as the quickest and most economical way of completing a connection of Crosstrail Boulevard to Route 7. We believe that building two lanes of Crosstrail Boulevard between Sycolin Road and Russell Branch Parkway will better serve the residents of Leesburg and Loudoun County than just the four lane sections currently proposed for construction.

The Town Council and I respectfully request that the construction of a two lane first phase of Crosstrail Boulevard between Sycolin Road and Russell Branch Parkway take priority over construction of four lanes to the eastern boundary of Phillip A. Bolen Park. The two lane phase of Crosstrail Boulevard will have the positive impact of allowing traffic coming from the east a quicker and easier access to the Phillip A. Bolen Park and the Leesburg residents will be spared a dramatic traffic impact to their neighborhood. Traffic in the area of Sycolin Road and Crosstrail

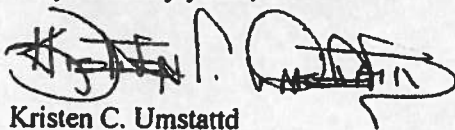
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Boulevard will only increase in the future, especially with the completion of the Sycolin Road Overpass Bridge at the Route 7/15 Bypass in the Fall of 2014. The connection of Crosstrail Boulevard between Sycolin Road and Russell Branch Parkway will be an alternate route that provides relief for future traffic congestion.

We understand that the current funding will need to be increased to support the project. This is a very critical road segment and deserves the highest priority for road construction funds by the County. Given the regional importance of this significant section of roadway, we would ask that funding for this roadway be established as soon as possible, and do not rely on proffers from an unapproved project that is inconsistent with the County's General Plan.

Thank you for your attention to these important transportation issues. If you need additional information please do not hesitate to contact me or Town Manager, John Wells at 703-771-2700 or Transportation Engineer, Calvin Grow at 703-771-2791.

Very sincerely yours,



Kristen C. Umstattd
Mayor

THANK-YOU!

cc: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
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From: Conner, Rick
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 4:51 PM
To: John Wells
Cc: Council; Tom Mason; Calvin Grow; Scott Parker; Laycock, Terrie; Yudd, Charles; Hemstreet, Tim; Brown, Paul
Subject: RE: Clarification on the Kincaid Blvd. Connection

John,

We appreciate the quick response, much thanks for the clarification. We will provide this information to our Board.

Rick

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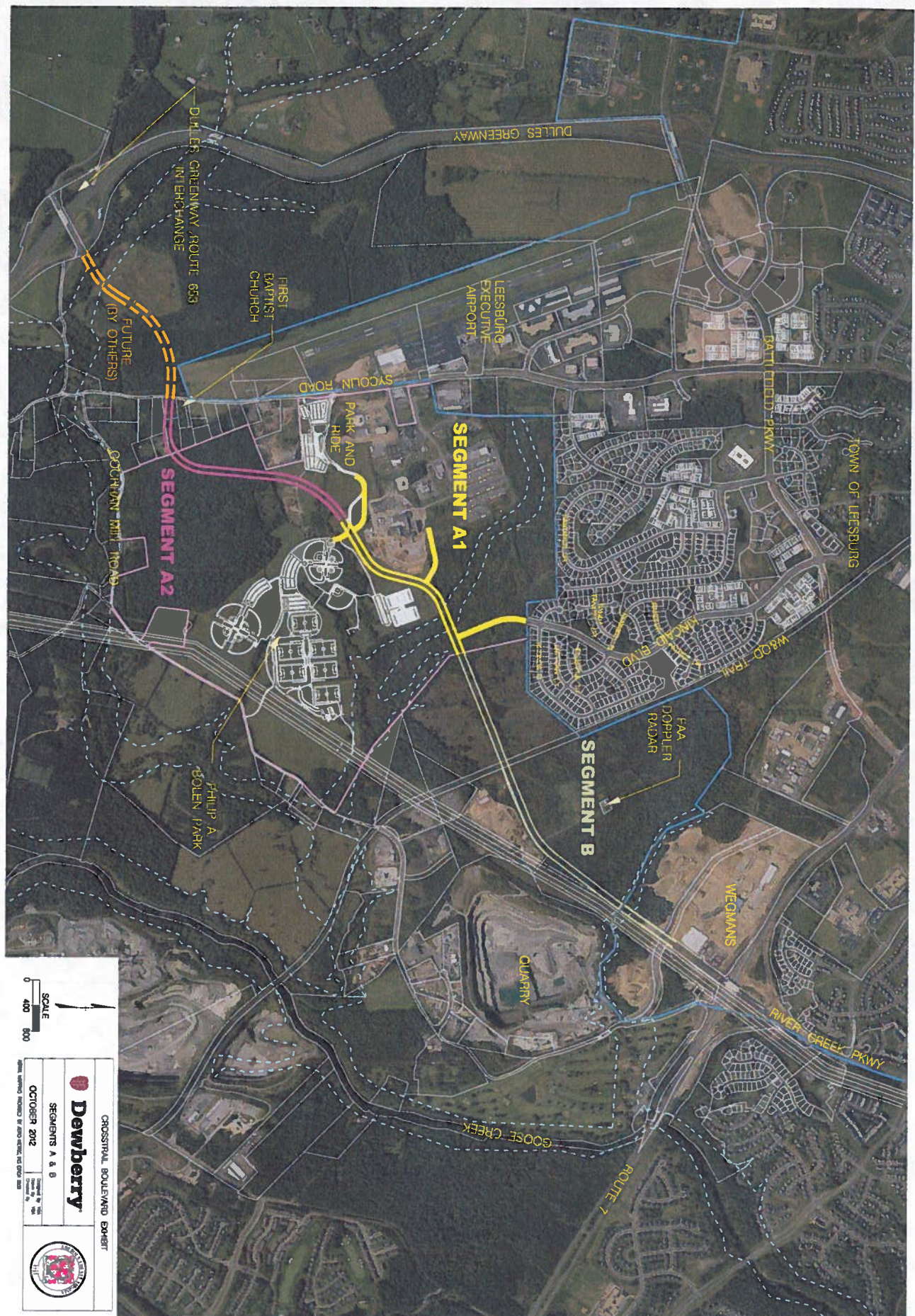
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Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2012 4:35 PM
To: Conner, Rick
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Rick,

Based on our conversation today, I wanted to clarify our the Town's letter regarding Crosstrail Blvd. While not clearly spelled out in the letter, it has been the Council's position that no connection to Kincaid Blvd without the completion of at least 2 lanes of Crosstrail from Sycolin Road to Route 7. Let me know if you need further clarification.

Thanks

John Wells



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SEGMENTS A & B

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